

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (canceled)

2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

4. (previously presented) A method of forming a protection film of a safety valve element for a battery, wherein an organic coating is coated on a safety valve element for a battery comprising a metal substrate having a first hole extending therethrough and a metal foil laminated to said metal substrate so as to cover said first hole after said safety valve element for a battery is applied on a closing plate for a battery container having a second hole extending through said closing plate which is to be a valve opening of a safety valve so that said first hole of said metal substrate of safety valve element for a battery and said second hole of said closing plate are connected through, and said metal substrate and said closing plate are adhered together so that both adhere around said second hole of said closing plate.

5. (previously presented) A method of forming a protection film of a safety valve element for a battery according to claim 4, wherein said adhering together of said metal substrates and said closing plate is carried out by laser beam welding.

6. (canceled)

7. (canceled)

8. (canceled)

9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) A safety valve element for a battery comprising
a metal substrate having a first hole extending therethrough and a metal foil laminated on said metal substrate so as to cover said first hole,
wherein a protection film is covered on at least one side of said safety valve element for a battery; A closing plate,
wherein said safety element for a battery according to claim 6 is applied on a closing plate for a battery container having a second hole extending through said closing plate which is to be a valve opening of a safety valve so that

said first hole of said metal substrate of safety valve element for a battery and said second hole of said closing plate are connected through, and said metal substrate and said closing plate are adhered together so that both adhere around said second hole of said closing plate.

11. (previously presented) A closing plate, wherein a safety element for a battery comprising a metal substrate having a first hole extending therethrough and a metal foil laminated on said metal substrate so as to cover said first hole is applied on a closing plate for a battery container having a second hole extending through said closing plate which is to be a valve opening of a safety valve so that said first hole of said metal substrate of safety valve element for a battery and said second hole of said closing plate are connected through, and said metal substrate and said metal closing plate are adhered together so that both adhere around said second hole of said closing plate, and after that an organic coating is coated on said safety valve element for a battery.

12. (previously presented) A closing plate according to claim 10, wherein said adhering together of said metal substrates and said closing plate is carried out by laser beam welding.

13. (previously presented) A closing battery, wherein an electrode comprising a positive electrode, a negative electrode and a separator is packed with electrolyte into a battery container and opening portion of said battery container is closed so that said closing plate for battery according to claim 10 is put into and fixed around inner circumference of said opening portion of said battery container.

14. (canceled)

15. (canceled)

16. (previously presented) A closing plate according to claim 11, wherein said adhering together of said metal substrates and said closing plate is carried out by laser beam welding.

17. (previously presented) A closed battery, wherein an electrode comprising a positive electrode, a negative electrode and a separator is packed with electrolyte into a battery container and opening portion of said battery container is closed so that said closing plate for battery according to claim 16 is put into and fixed around inner circumference of said opening portion of said battery container.

18. (previously presented) A closed battery, wherein an electrode comprising a positive electrode, a negative electrode and a separator is packed with electrolyte into a battery container and opening portion of said battery container is closed so that said closing plate for battery according to claim 11 is put into and fixed around inner circumference of said opening portion of said battery container.

19. (currently amended) ~~A closing plate,~~
A safety valve element for a battery comprising a metal
substrate having a first hole extending therethrough and a
metal foil laminated on said metal substrate so as to cover
said first hole, wherein a protection film is covered on at
least one side of said safety valve element for a battery;
wherein said protection film is a continuous coated
film of an organic coating; and
wherein said safety valve element for a battery
~~according to claim 8~~ is applied on a closing plate for a
battery container having a second hole extending through said
closing plate which is to be a valve opening of a safety valve
so that said first hole of said metal substrate of safety
valve element for a battery and said second hole of said
closing plate are connected through, and said metal substrate

and said closing plate are adhered together so that both adhere around said second hole of said closing plate.

20. (currently amended) A safety valve element for a battery comprising a metal substrate having a first hole extending therethrough and a metal foil laminated on said metal substrate so as to cover said first hole, wherein a protection film is covered on at least one side of said safety valve element for a battery;

wherein said protecting film is an uncut laminated film of an organic resin film; and

A closing plate, wherein said safety valve element for a battery ~~according to claim 9~~ is applied on a closing plate for a battery container having a second hole extending through said closing plate which is to be a valve opening of a safety valve so that said first hole of said metal substrate of safety valve element for a battery and said second hole of said closing plate are connected through, and said metal substrate and said closing plate are adhered together so that both adhere around said second hole of said closing plate.